

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Gary MacLaren, on March 24, 2011 at 3:35 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R), Rep. Kris Hansen (R),
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Hearing and Date Posted: HB 629, 3/22/11 ; SB 340,
3/17/11 ; SB 298, 3/17/11 ; SB 283, 3/17/11

HEARING ON SB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:27 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 283, Revise process for changing county boundaries.

EXHIBIT(loh66a01)

00:07:56 Rep. Moore joined meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:57 Rep. John Esp

00:13:37 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:15:51 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

00:16:23 Nicki Sardot

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:00 Joseph Hanser

EXHIBIT(loh66a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:38 Rep. Barrett

00:18:29 Sen. Essmann

00:19:15 Rep. Barrett

00:19:28 Rep. O'Neil

00:19:56 Sen. Essmann

00:21:13 Rep. Skees

00:21:28 Sen. Essmann

00:21:42 Rep. Reinhart

00:22:22 Harold Blattie

00:23:06 Rep. Reinhart

00:23:21 Rep. Esp

00:23:39 Rep. Reinhart

00:23:47 Rep. Esp

00:23:59 Sen. Reinhart

00:24:15 Sen. Essmann

00:25:17 Rep. Ingraham

00:26:02 Sen. Essmann

00:27:29 Rep. Ingraham

00:27:59 Sen. Essmann

00:28:24 Rep. Knox

00:28:47 Sen. Essmann

00:29:24 Rep. Knox

00:29:35 Sen. Essmann

00:30:30 Rep. Rosendale

00:30:50 Sen. Essmann
00:31:22 Rep. Malek
00:32:00 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:37 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:03 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 298, Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:18 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
00:37:45 Rep. Stahl Joined Meeting
00:38:29 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
00:39:50 Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County Commissioner
00:40:14 Nicki Sardot
00:41:27 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)
00:42:23 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:36 Rep. Reinhart
00:44:36 Dustin Stewart
00:45:30 Rep. Reinhart
00:45:55 Dustin Stewart

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:18 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 340

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:50 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 340, Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction.

EXHIBIT(loh66a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:09 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association
00:52:48 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:57 Rep. Knox
00:55:31 Jason Todhunter
00:56:31 Rep. Malek
00:57:01 Sen. Vincent
00:57:51 Rep. Malek
00:57:59 Sen. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:15 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:47 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 629, Revise subdivision law and rent or lease exemption.

[EXHIBIT\(loh66a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:07 Dustin Stewart, MBIA

[EXHIBIT\(loh66a05\)](#)

01:10:19 SuzAnne Miller

[EXHIBIT\(loh66a06\)](#)

01:11:33 Kathryn Cotnoir

01:12:43 Mike Hughes

01:15:33 Colleen Dowdall

[EXHIBIT\(loh66a07\)](#)

01:18:58 Kimberly Chambers

01:23:19 Jack Walsh, Helena Building Industry Association

01:25:39 Joe Roberts, MARLS

01:27:06 Ken Jenkins, MARLS

01:28:32 Byron Roberts

[EXHIBIT\(loh66a08\)](#)

01:32:31 Glenn Oppel, Montana Realtors Association

01:32:45 Tara Depuy, Land Use Attorney, MACo

01:34:11 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:49 Linda Stahl, Montana Association of Planners

01:40:00 Harold Stepper, Jefferson County Planning Director

01:42:10 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:43 Rep. Skees
01:44:21 Sen. Knudsen

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02:18:40 Rep. Knudsen

Committee Discussion:

02:20:49 Rep. MacLaren
02:22:07 Helen Thigpen
02:22:33 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:23:06

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh66aad.pdf](#))